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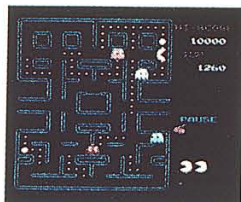
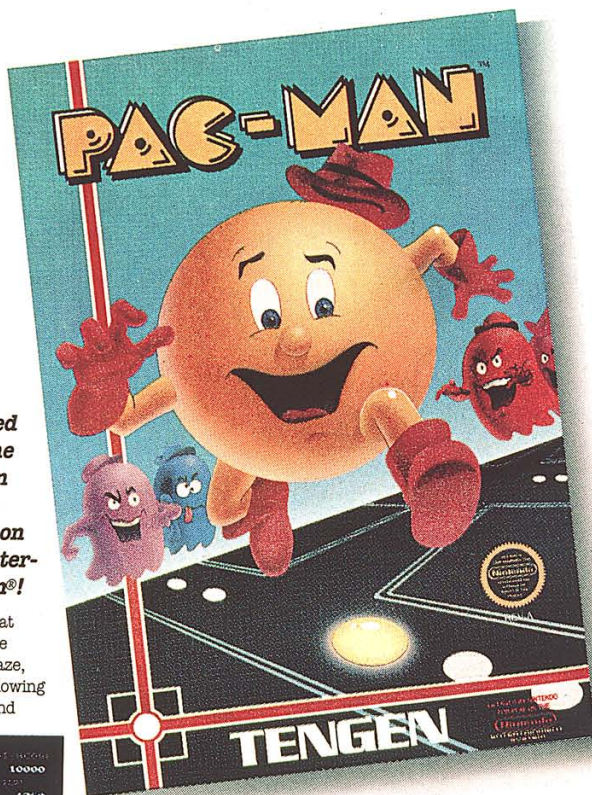
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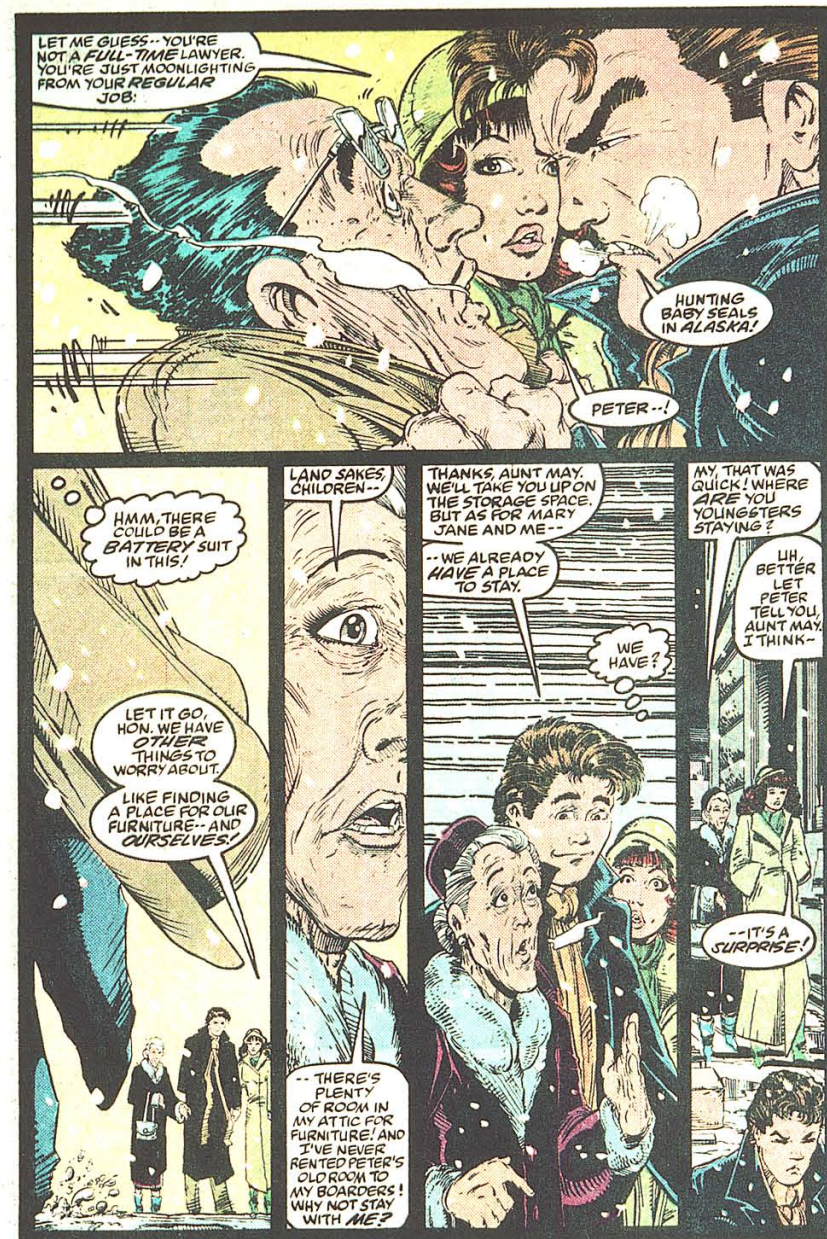
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BLANKETING
QUEENS...

...SLICKING THE SIDE-
WALKS AROUND THE
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DEPARTMENT STORE,
AND DAMPENING THE
SPIRITS OF THAT
STORE'S MANAGER--

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CALENDARS SHOULD BE
FLOGGED!

YES, MR.
THURSTON.

IMAGINE, SCHEDULING
CHRISTMAS EVE, OUR BUSIEST
DAY, ON A SATURDAY! BANKS
ARE CLOSED! I'VE HAD TO HIRE
AN INDEPENDENT SECURITY FIRM
TO TRANSFER RECEIPTS TO A
PRIVATE VAULT IN MANHATTAN!
AND THAT COSTS MONEY!

YES,
SIR!

AT LEAST I CAN COUNT
ON YOU, CLARK. WHAT IS
THIS, THE 19th CHRISTMAS
YOU'VE WORKED?

TWENTY-
THIRD, SIR.
BUT I DON'T
MIND--EVEN
WITHOUT
OVERTIME
PAY.

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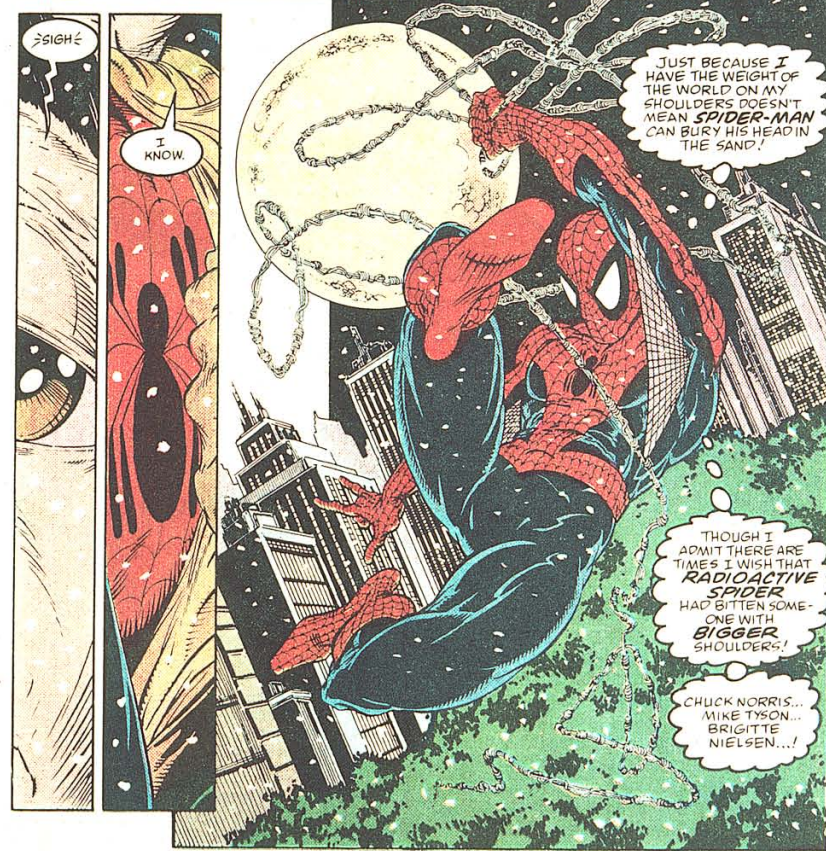
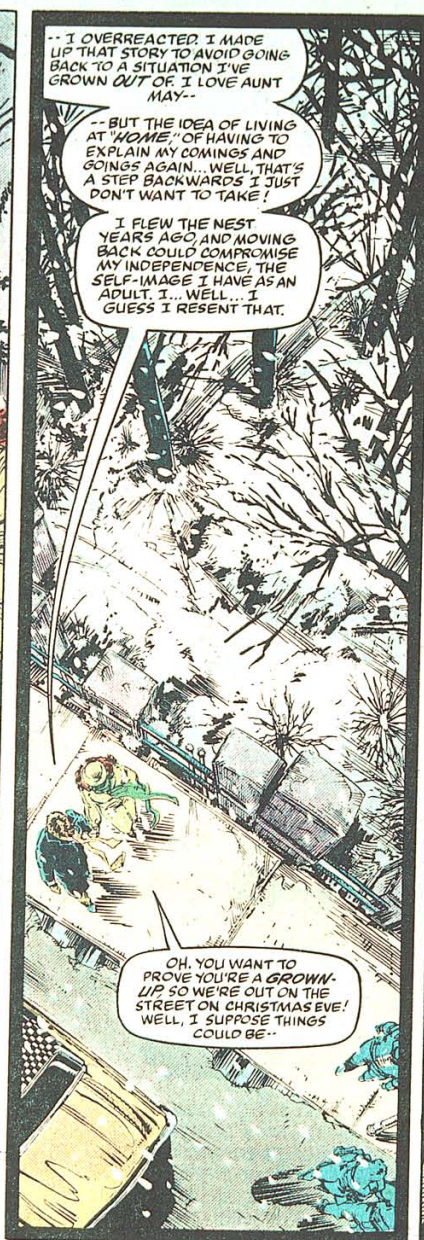
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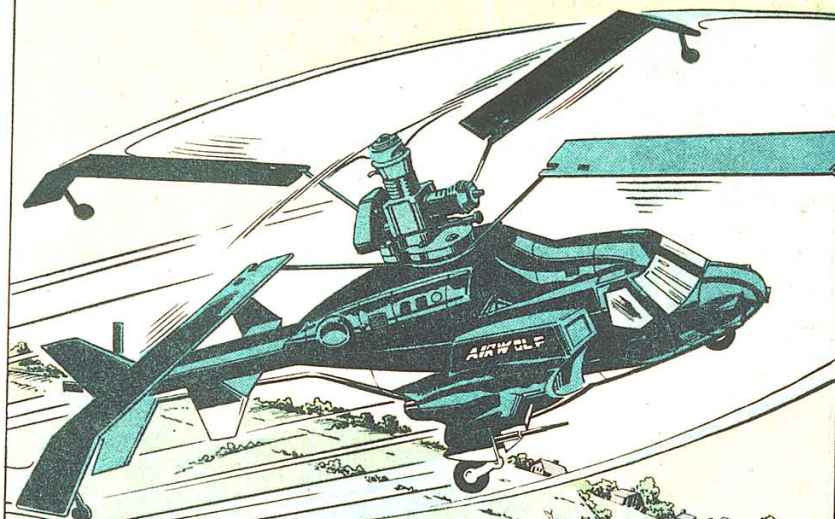
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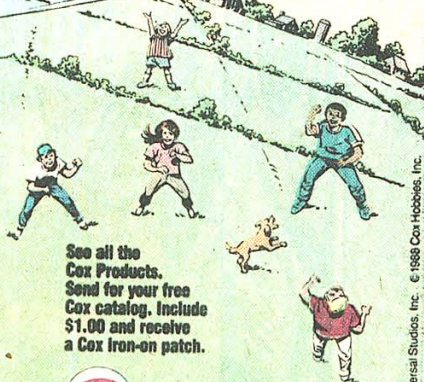
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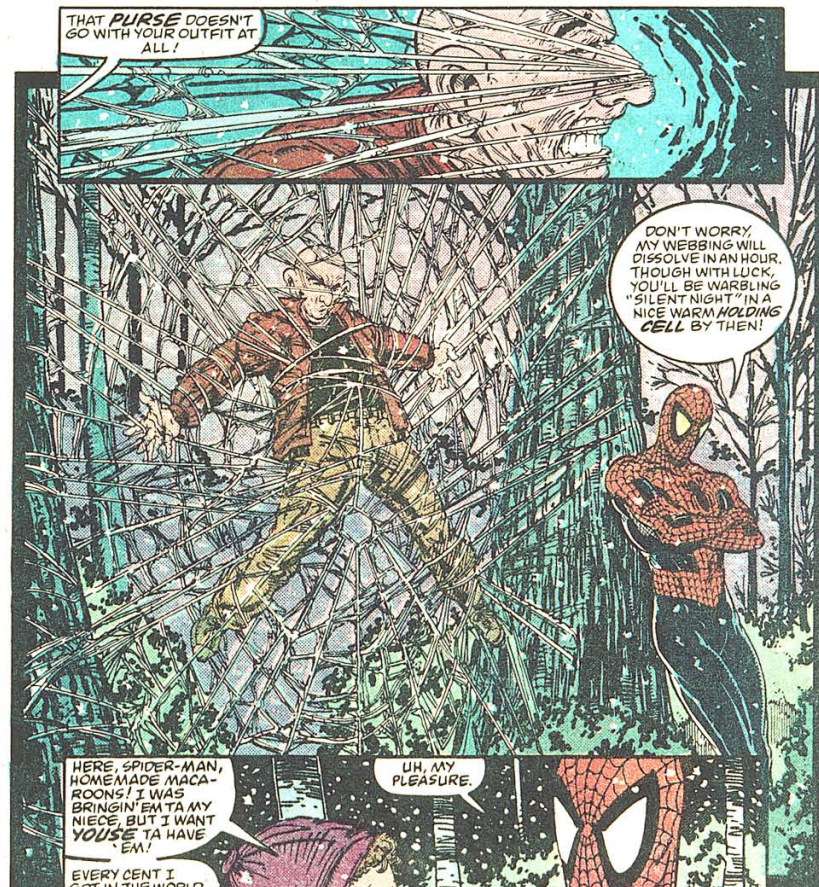
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IF THERE'S ONE THING
I CAN'T STAND IT'S A
MUGGER WITH NO
FASHION SENSE!

THAT PURSE DOESN'T
GO WITH YOUR OUTFIT AT
ALL!



DON'T WORRY
MY WEBBING WILL
DISSOLVE IN AN HOUR.
THOUGH WITH LUCK,
YOU'LL BE WARBLING
"SILENT NIGHT" IN A
NICE WARM HOLDING
CELL BY THEN!

HERE, SPIDER-MAN,
HOMEMADE MACA-
ROOMS! I WAS
BRINGIN' EM TA MY
NIECE, BUT I WANT
YOUSE TA HAVE
EM!

UH, MY
PLEASURE.

EVERY CENT I
GOT IN THE WORLD
WAS IN THAT PURSE!
IT WOULD'VE BEEN
A BLEAK CHRIST-
MAS WITHOUT YA!
THANKS!



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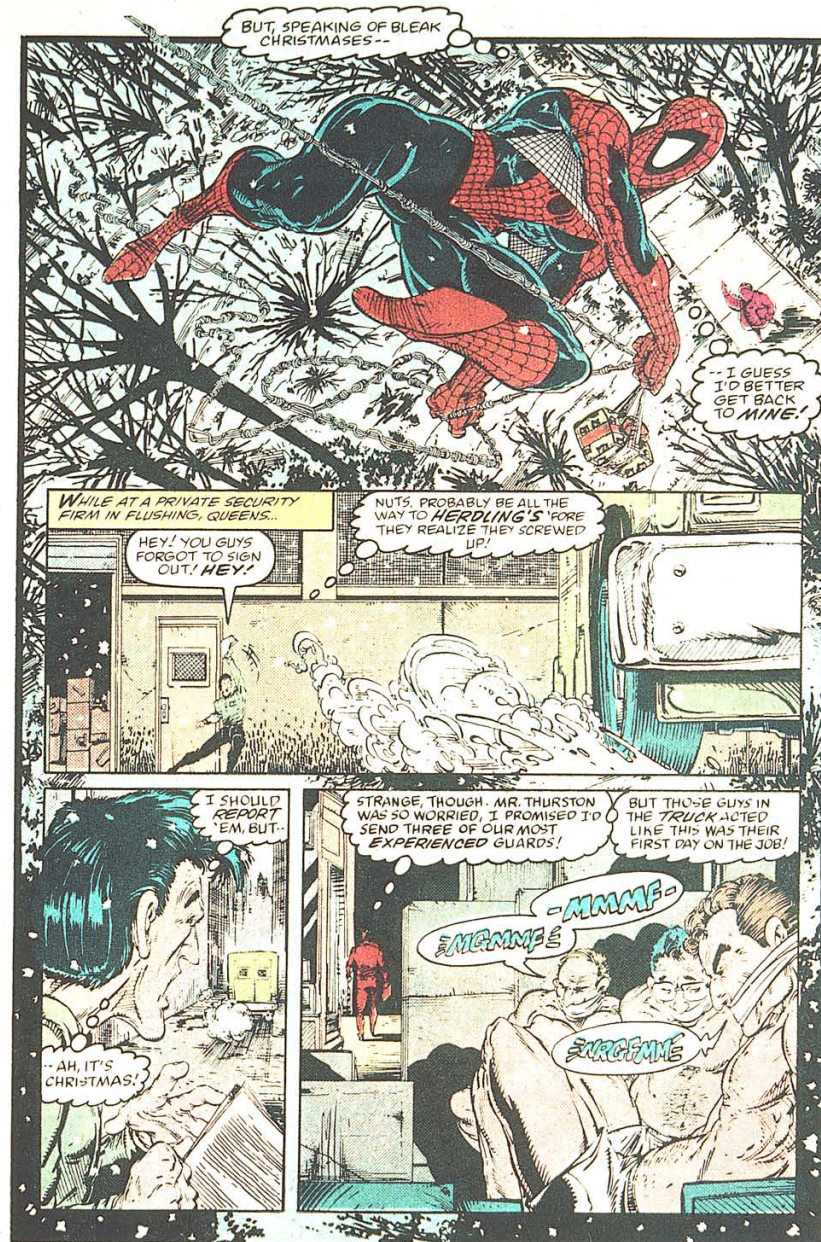
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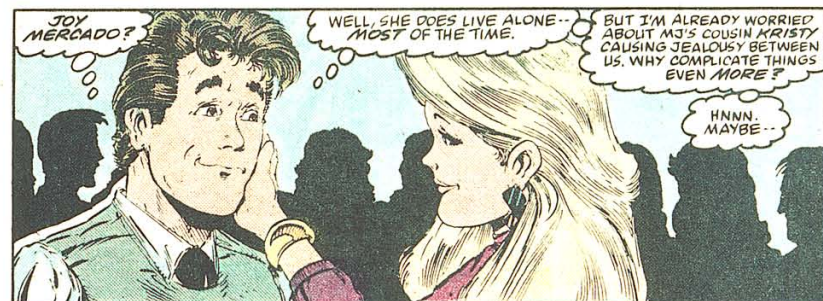
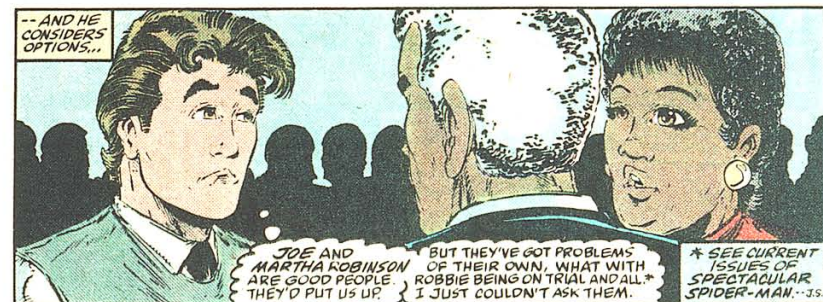
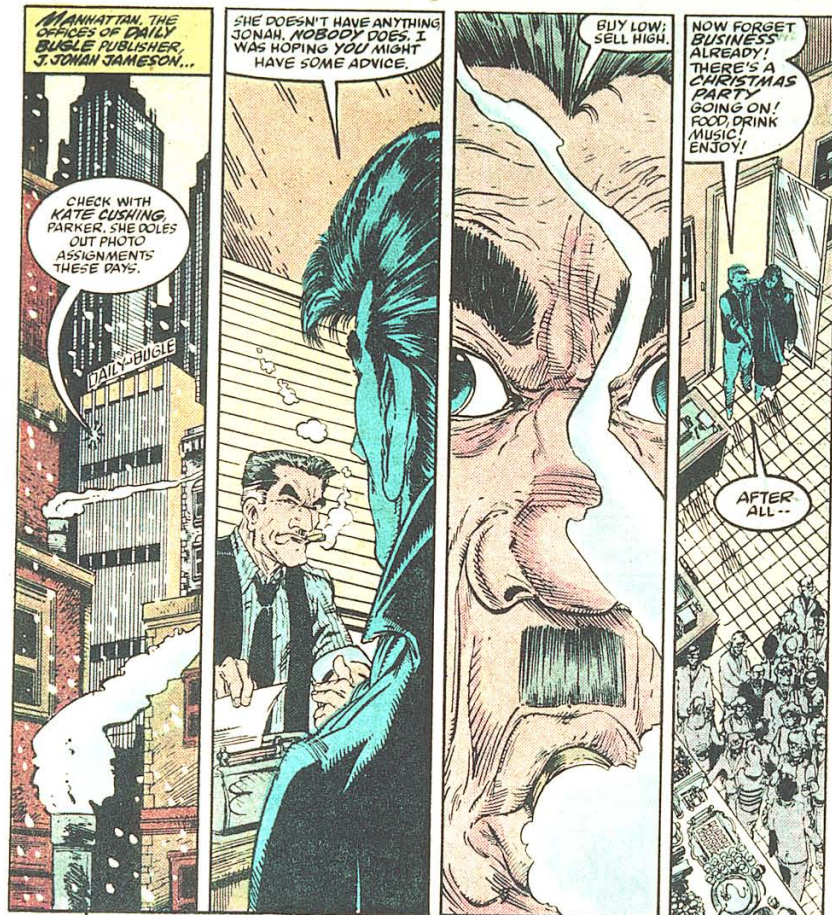
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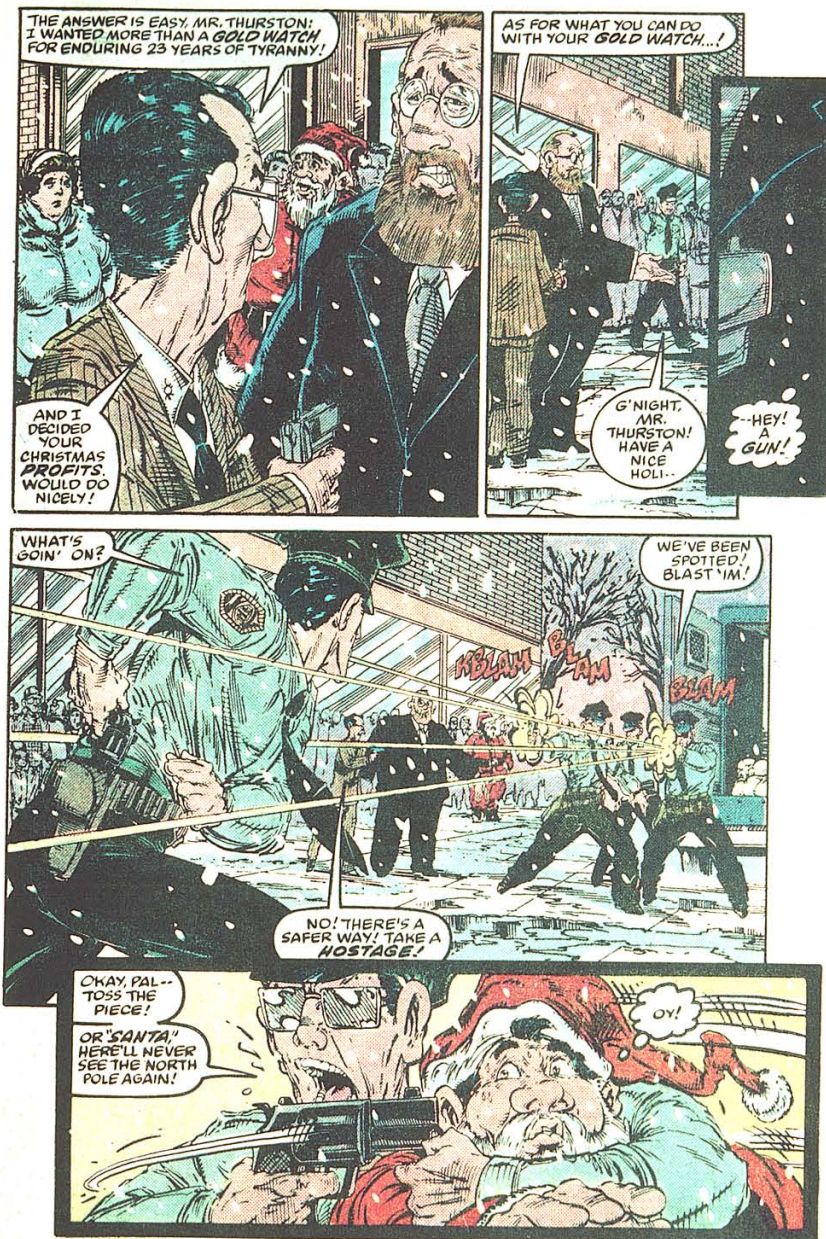








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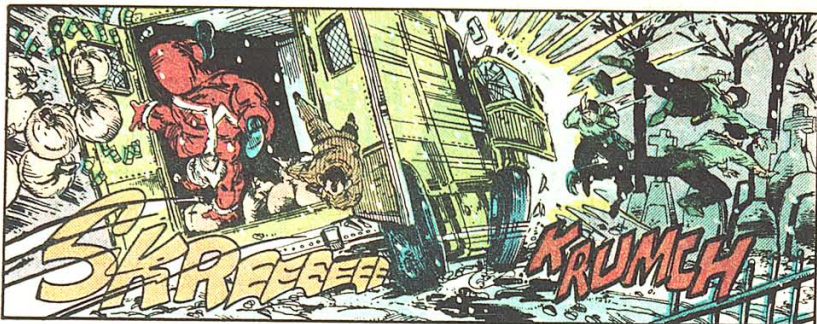
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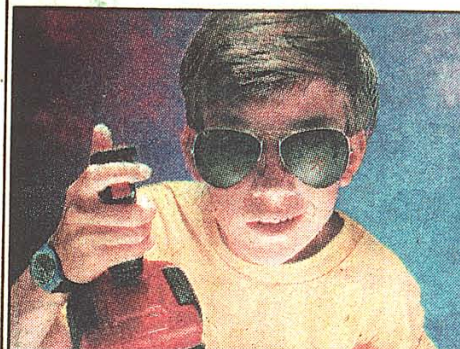
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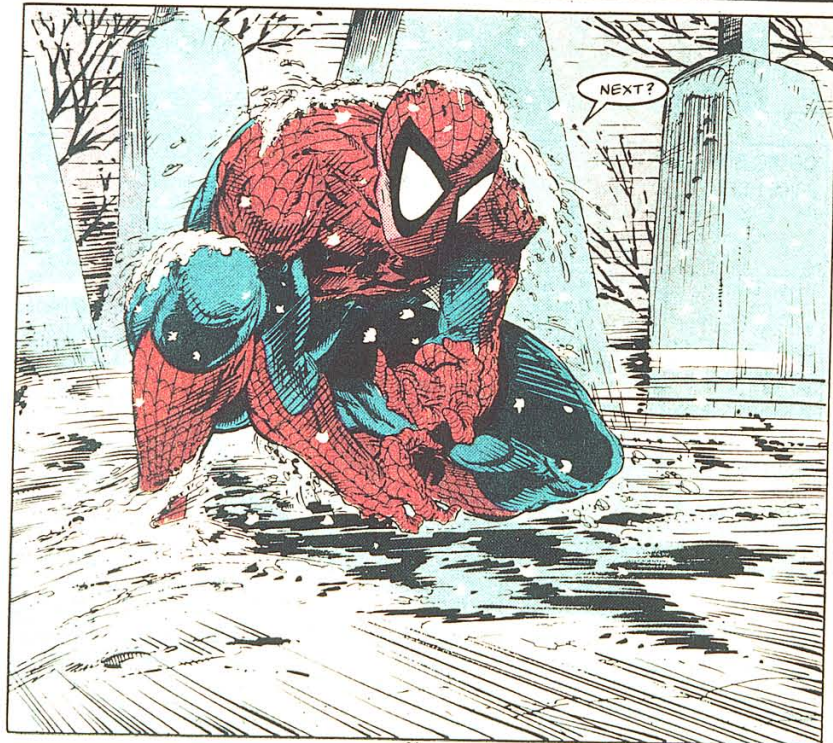
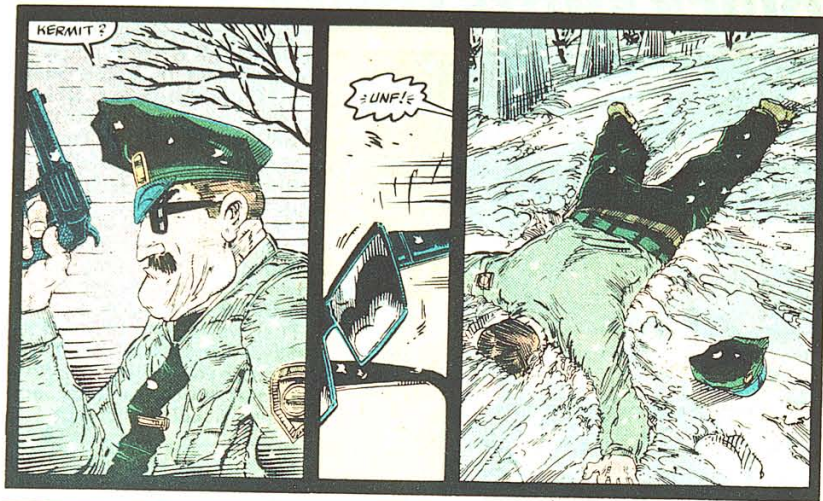
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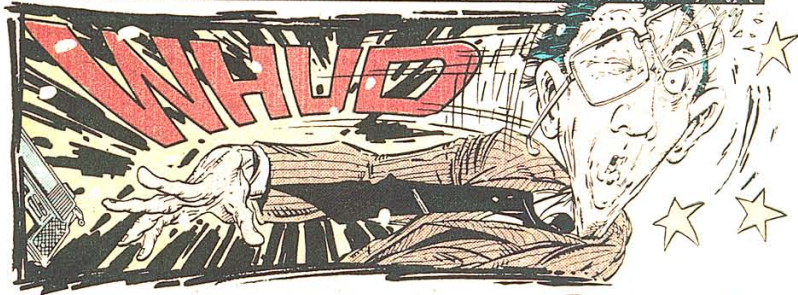
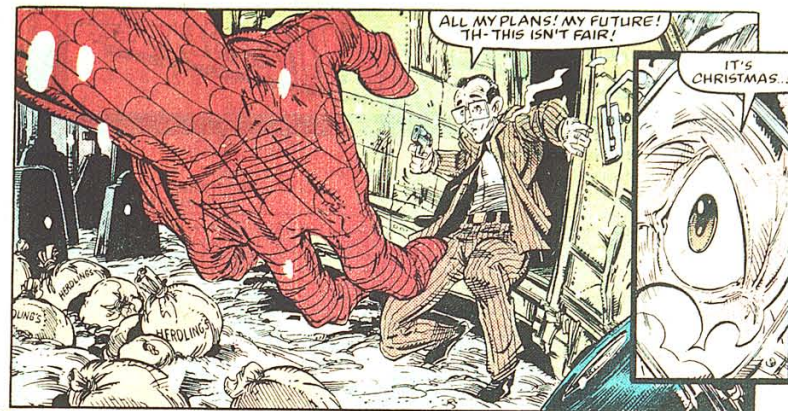
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Bulpen Bulletins

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"Hey... wait a minute! I just remembered! This circus doesn't have any Gorillas!"
—BRUNO THE STRONGMAN
SHE-HULK #1

ITEM: Shades of Assistant Editors' Month! Recently, based on the brainstormed suggestion of Jim DiGiovanna and Glenn Herdling, we shuffled around all assistant editors for a day so that Mike Rockwitz was paired with Craig Anderson, David Wohl with Bobbie Chase, Marc Stry with Terry Kavanagh, Daryl Edelman with Jim Salicrup, Pat Redding with Greg Wright, Sara Tuchinsky with Don Daley, Sue Plaxman with Howard Macchie, Dwayne McDuffie with Ralph Macchio, Marcus McLaurin with Bob Budiansky, Glenn Herdling with Carl Potts, and Jim DiGiovanna with Bob Harris. Supposedly, this was an extension of the weekly assistant editor classes held by Mark Gruenwald and Tom DeFalco, wherein Mark and Tom impart the Wisdom of Ages to the next generation of Marvel editors. So what did all the assistants learn? Well, they did get a real insight to how other Marvel editors conducted their day-to-day business, and at a meeting afterward, they all discovered that Jim Salicrup reads his comics out loud. Let the record show that A. A. Perry, Sid Jacobson's assistant, refused to have any part in this.

ITEM: Now if any of you are getting the idea that it's all fun and games and the so-called Bulpen Bulpen, well, it is... sometimes. For instance the past Halloween our very own exec editor Mark (him again) Gruenwald literally organized the fun and games. Dwight Coyle, the man who returns all the original artwork to the artists, won the David Wohl Bop Bag Toss, the Pin-The-Nose-On-The-Gu, and the Knock-Down-The-Assistant-Editor-Cans competitions. Lynda Strunk, our limbo typesetter, won the women's limbo and the Bobbing for Bodi-apples contests. The repro department's Rodney Timmons took top honors in the men's limbo contest. Ridiculous Ralph Macchio kicked himself in the "face" to win the Kick-The-Witch event. Peter David pitched the penny that produced the prize in the Pitch-The-Penny-In-The-Pumpkinhead. Cover coordinator Vince Evans blasted the winning ball into the likeness of Devil Don Daley's mouth, while Don Hudson won the Stuff-Your-Mouth-Full-Of-Candy-Pumpkins, proving what a big mouth he has. But it was Tom DeFalco who should win the best sport award—poor Tom was forced to sit

still as everyone tried to toss plastic rings on his cigar and on the horns of his special wool cap. Mike Rockwitz won by zinging three rings in a row onto Tom's stooge... and he's still working here!

ITEM: Congratulations to newlyweds John Romita, Jr. and Chris Claremont! No, no, John and Chris didn't marry each other! John wed Patricia Baker on October 8th, and on October 9th Chris tied the knot with Beth Fleisher. We wonder how many of you Bulpen Page followers remember that J.R. was out one and only "Hunk of the Month"? Johnny would like all of you to forget that. Indeed, he would consider it your wedding present to him if you never mentioned "Hunk of the Month" to him ever again. Happy now, J.R.?

ITEM: Next month heralds the return to this page of the legendary column by the man who started it all! That's right, in thirty days Stan Lee's Soapbox will be back on the Bulpen Page! And Stan's got an extra-special announcement we're sure none of you will want to miss! Excelsior!

Pro file: MARC SIRY



Assistant Editor on: CAPTAIN AMERICA, DAREDEVIL, FANTASTIC FOUR, THOR, and about sixty thousand graphic novels.

Marvel freelance credits (past): Assorted HAND-BOOK OF THE MARVEL UNIVERSE work; assorted coloring jobs; fake ads and real contents pages for the WHAT THE---? limited series, and enough letters pages to drown a whole army of David Wohls.

Marvel freelance credits (present): Assorted coloring jobs, the ALPHA FLIGHT and PUNISHER letters pages, and more junk for the upcoming WHAT THE---? #64 page special.

My hobbies are: Drawing, paintball wargames with Carl Potts, and fixing my Triumph Spitfire, which is really Satan in the form of a little red convertible.

The single work which I am most proud of is: Probably the fake ad on the back cover of WHAT THE---? #2 which nobody read because the type was too small.

My pet peeves are: Falling for the old Marc McLaurin ring-my-phone-while-I'm-clear-on-the-other-side-of-the-office-so-I-have-to-run-for-it-and-he-hangs-up-just-as-I-get-there-trick. It works every single time. He thinks it's really funny.

My place of birth is: New York City.

My greatest accomplishment outside the comics field is: Living in New York City all my life without getting mugged. If you don't think that's a great accomplishment then you must not live in New York City.

My oddest habit is: Hanging out until the wee hours of the morning in my neighborhood (Lower East Side) watering holes with my pals David Wohl (of New Universe fame) and Michael Yee (of Bulpen fame), even though I know full well I have to be at work at 9:00 A.M.

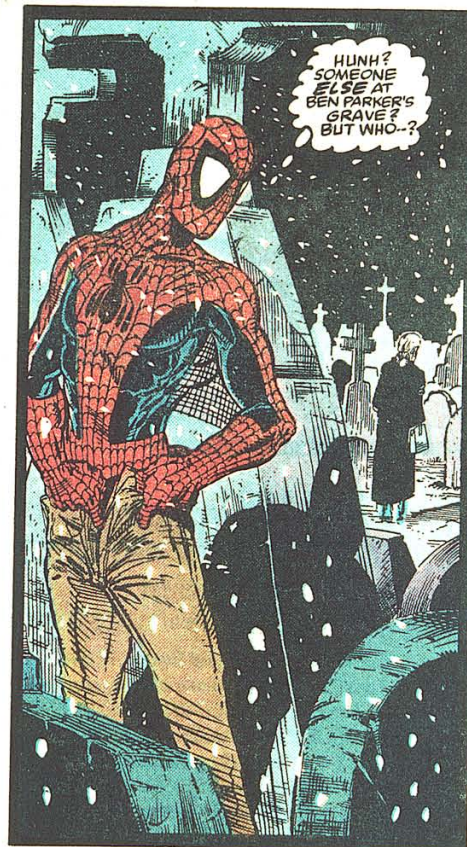
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Attention correspondents: All letters considered for publication must include your name and address, though we will withhold that information upon request.

Dear Jim,

Who needs the Hobgoblin, Electro, or Venom when Spidey can have the Black Fox for an arch-nemesis? I've been a fan of gentleman burglars ever since I first saw the *Pink Panther*, and I must say that you've kept Foxy true to type in all the best ways. His willingness and ingenious plots such as that on page 27 of *AMAZING SPIDER-MAN* #305 should reserve him an overdue niche among the elite of Spider-Man's rogues' gallery. And his final escape on page 29—brilliant!

On the other hand, the Prowler has never been the same since he became a good guy. The Prowler costume and weaponry, in my opinion, much better suit a villain than a reluctant hero. I therefore suggest that you have someone of less-than-virtuous character steal the suit and embark on a crime-spree, or a murderous rampage, or an anti-Spider campaign; you get the idea. Never get into the habit of letting crooks have consciences, boys. They might just get dull.

And, hey, since you've got Peter doing the book thing, and since most publishing companies have offices outside the U.S.A., why not have him visit other countries as well—countries like, oh, I don't know, Canada? Here in Toronto we've got a humdinger of a tower he could swing from, and, you know, things just haven't been the same up here since Alpha Flight started going downhill.

FAM
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Sorry Spidey didn't make it up to Canada this year, FAM. But keep watching for some startling events coming up in *ALPHA FLIGHT*—you may be pleasantly surprised! As for the Prowler, here's one guy who never believed he was a villain...

Dear Jim,

I, like many other Spider-fans, I imagine, had forgotten about the Prowler. After a number of appearances in this mag in the late sixties, the only time I can remember seeing him pop up (and it wasn't even really Hobie Brown) was in *SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN* #47. This seems like an awful amount of disuse for a character with such potential.

He has never really been a "bad guy," just a hard—luck character like Peter who doesn't feel the same responsibility to use his powers for the common good. Still, his weapons are interesting, his costume looks great (I love the way McFarlane draws capes), and he is a black super hero, something still sadly lacking in comics today. His motives for going into action are what make him really appealing, though. He's almost scared to fight. He's no genius, muscleman, or weirdo who climbs on walls, just an inventive window-washer who keeps running into trouble and dealing with it as best he can. I don't know about anyone else, but I, for one, would be in favor of a Prowler Limited Series. Thanks to David Michelinie for bringing him back, and I look forward to seeing the return of the Chameleon next issue.

David Metz
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Well, David, we don't have any immediate plans for a *PROWLER* Limited Series, but he will be popping up in next month's double-sized 50th issue of *WEB OF SPIDER-MAN*.

Dear Salicrup and Herdling,

I congratulate you on a spectacular issue #305. It was great—I loved everything about it. I enjoy having my favorite comic come out twice a month through the summer season, and I wish it would be like this all year-round. However, I have a few questions:

1. What issue (forgive my ignorance) did the Prowler first appear?
2. Why doesn't Spider-Man just off and belt the Black Fox?
3. When will MJ bear Peter's first child?

Matthew Palmer Merriman
3513 West 79th
Anchorage, AK 99502

We have a few answers, Matthew:

1. *AMAZING SPIDER-MAN* #78.
2. Would you hit a defenseless old man if you had super powers?
3. Sometime before their second one.

Dear Jim Salicrup and Co.,

You know, dude, I was like, totally stoked that Peter Parker came to L.A. You know, man, like I'm from California, man, and we got the beach and the totally way-out waves, man, and I think the dude

Parker should put on his bermudas, grab a stick, and go surfing! Black Fox is one totally cool old geezer, man—let's see him again real soon! In the meantime—don't all you people out there wish that they could all be California Girls...?

Jeff "Surfer Dude" Lacasse
1516 W. Cherry Avenue
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Sorry, Dude, but here are three letters from fans who think we do a fine job breeding those all-American women right here in New York—case in point, one Mary Jane Watson-Parker...

Dear David,

"California Schemin'" in issue #305 is the type of Spider-Man story that I like to see. This issue had humor, human interest, intrigue, and action. On top of all that we continue to see more of Mary Jane every issue (and I mean that in every sense of the word "see"). After seeing MJ in her new swimsuit on page 14 I suppose I will have to take back the complaints I have made that MJ was beginning to look a bit on the thin side.

After the past year or so of gruesome stories in this title I am glad to see the humor and fun being put back into this book. Having Peter appear on Carson was interesting and even the battle between Spidey, the Prowler and the Black Fox had a vein of humor in it. Having the microchip hidden on the jewel was a nice touch and I was glad to see that the Prowler hadn't turned to crime again. This title is really looking up. I just hope you can keep Todd McFarlane around a little longer on this title than he did on the *INCREDIBLE HULK*.

Charles S. Novinskie
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With this issue of the *AMAZING SPIDER-MAN* Todd equals his sixteen-issue run on the *INCREDIBLE HULK*, Charles. And we're doing everything we can to keep Todd around for as long as possible!

Dear Marvel,

Oxygen... give me some oxygen, please. Page 14 (huff huff) incredible. More oxygen.

As for the rest of the story, I liked it. Especially Todd's prowl. The way he draws the cape draped around the Prowler looks great. The entire story was pretty good. I enjoy what David is doing with this title. One last thing, Spidey was right, he is a sap for letting the Fox go. After what happened last time he let him go, I think that he would have learned by now. Oh well.

This entire "Webs" storyline has really been great so far. I especially liked seeing Peter on the "Tonight Show." Great touch. But now that they are leaving California, where will the promotional tour go next? I hope we'll see some more popular areas, like Florida maybe. I'm not picky though, just send them anywhere with a beach, and make sure MJ goes out for another tan. I also would like to see more of the prowl in the future. Maybe he and Webhead could team up for a couple of issues and do their good guy bit together.

Shane Hutchinson
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See our response to David Metz's letter, Shane.

Dear Amazers,

I think it's great you brought back the old Red and Blue suit. I thank you for letting us see MJ in a bikini in *AMAZING SPIDER-MAN*. I think you should do two pages of mail from now on. While Spider-Man is on his "Webs" Tour, I think he should come to Salt Lake City, Utah and while he is in Salt Lake City, Venom and his suit should break out of the government super prison in the Rockies.

David Campbell
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Well, David, we think you might want to be here in thirty days...

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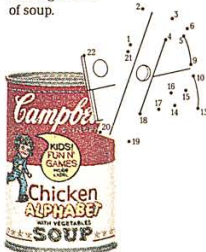
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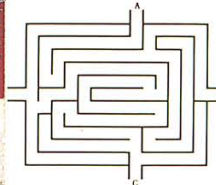
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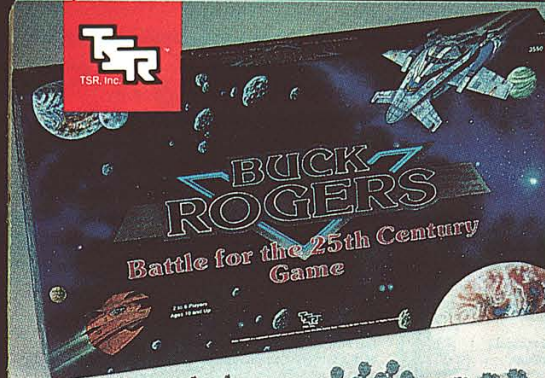
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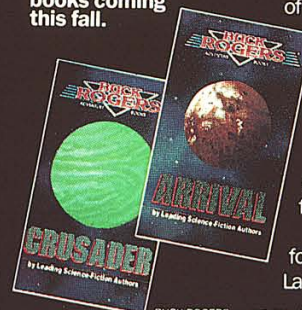
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